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'LIVE APE' CONCERT FOR RONNIE

A newcomer to Port Lympne, baby Diana monkey Ronnie, is in safe hands. The two-year-old is being hand-reared after his mother was unable to bond with him after a caesarean birth.

The tiny monkey – one of a species named after the Roman goddess of the hunt because markings above the eyes look like a bow – was given his name in tribute to DJ Mark Ronson, who will be appearing at the Zoo8 music festival on July 4.

Jamie Robertson is Ronnie's keeper. He said: "We try not to hand-rear if we can avoid it, but in this case we had to intervene."

"It's a bit like being a dad again – I have to get up in the night to give him his feeds. Luckily I am used to that from my own children."

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

PLANS for a £40 million lorry park to replace Operation Stack have been delayed for more than a year due to a bungle by the county council.

Proposals for the park, which would see space for 1,500 lorries between Sellindge and Aldington, have been held up because the county council failed to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the site.

A planning application for the park was due to have been submitted by Kent Highway Services, the council's transport arm, at the end of the month.

However, at a committee meeting on Thursday last week, Keith Ferrin, KCC's cabinet member for transport, revealed the crucial assessment had not been completed in time for the application.

He said: "An accumulation of minor delays on other aspects of the planning application meant we were not at a stage to start the assessment before the end of March this year.

"We are required to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment over a period of time, which must include the early part of the year, to monitor wildlife in the area."

Cllr Ferrin was responding to a question from Cllr Susan Carey, who represents the Elham Valley ward, in which the lorry park would be built.

Cllr Carey said: "I was very surprised that, for a project this important, they had not carried out this assessment.

"I don't think they got the beginning of the project right, so I'm not surprised that they got this wrong – it is really basic."

"Meanwhile, this will drag on for another year – people in the village will have trouble selling their houses and business in the area will suffer."

Cllr Carey said she had suggested a public consultation to explain why the council wanted to

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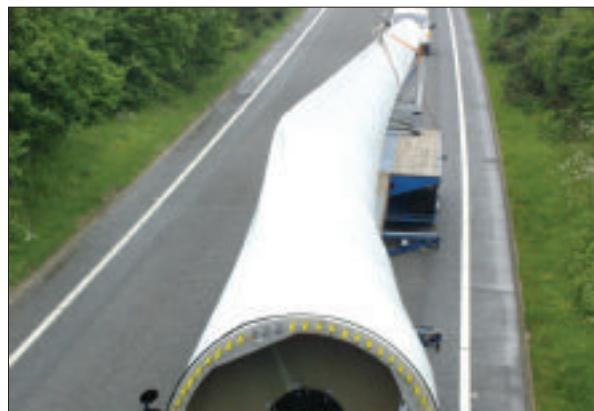
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OVERSIZED: One of the giant structures makes its way along the road

Turbine blades wind their way to the Marsh

■ BY NICK AMES

THE first of 78 massive trailers carrying propeller blades for wind turbines negotiated the county's roads under police escort on Monday.

Motorcycle outriders flanked the 154ft trucks, which took three hours to make the journey from Chatham Dockyard, where the convoy was assembled, to Romney Marsh.

The propellers will form part of the £50 million Npower Renewables windfarm on Walland Marsh, which was approved in 2005.

When it is built, the 26 turbines will generate enough electricity to power 32,000 homes.

The site at Little Cheyne Court, near Appledore, saw construction begin last year.

It is expected that it will start generating electricity some time in 2009.

The convoy, which set off on Monday, was the first to do so and the loads will be transported over about 13 days with no weekend movements.

Each will see a maximum of three loads being moved at any one time, escorted by six police motorcycles and one car.

The vehicles move very slowly as

they go through Medway but reach speeds of about 25 mph along the motorway. They slow down considerably on the winding roads of the Marsh and unloading takes hours.

Today one load will start at about 10.30am and there will be no convoy tomorrow. On Friday, loads will leave the docks at 10am and 2.30pm.

A spokesman for Kent Police said: "We are warning of traffic delays, but the journey times have been calculated to minimise these."

"They will travel from the dockyard along the A289 Medway road tunnel and then join the M2 until they reach junction three."

"The loads continue down Bluebell Hill and join the M20 exiting at junction 10 just outside Ashford. They then travel down the A2070 and the A259 before arriving at the site on Romney Marsh."

"We are working closely with the Highways Agency and Kent County Council to ensure the least possible disruption. However, motorists are urged to listen to local radio travel bulletins before setting out so they will be aware of any travel delays."

The windfarm was approved after a public enquiry which lasted a year.

The Government has called it a major part of the UK's commitment to sustainable energy sources, but it has come under fire from some environmental groups and residents.

Delay a welcome boost for village

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build the park in Sellindge. She said: "I asked if we would be using this opportunity to hold a public consultation and we were told Paul Carter had had the consultation he wanted with the Highways Agency."

"What I want is for the county council to explain their thinking for the lorry park - we were told they had decided on Sellindge after looking at all other alternatives."

"All we have seen is a scrappy little report from the Highways Advisory Board, which just about came to two sides of A4. I was amazed - this is not what one expects from KCC."

"How are we going to be able to justify this to the public if this is all we are going to produce?"

A KCC spokesman said a full consultation would be launched after the planning application had been submitted.

In Sellindge, residents welcomed the news of the lorry park's delay.

Pensioner Iris Bishop said: "It is a good job it has been delayed - I don't think it should be built here."

"It's a lovely area, but it will be ruined if the park is built here."

John Bayes, Sellindge resident and director of pressure group Mediawatch, said he thought the village was the wrong site for the park.

"This is an area of outstanding natural beauty and it would be better if the lorry park was nearer the port of Dover. We should have this in mind when the councillors apply for their jobs in the local elections."

Four hurt in crash on fog-bound A20

RESCUE crews rushed to the scene after four vehicles were involved in a crash near the Roundhill Tunnels on the A20 just outside Folkestone.

Firefighters discovered two cars and two foreign-registered HGVs had been involved in the incident after they received an alert at about 1.20pm yesterday (Tuesday).

The incident took place in fog and police closed off access roads to enable emergency vehicles to reach the scene.

Pedalling the Channel

AN amateur pilot is planning to cross the English Channel today in a pedal-powered airship.

Stephane Roussin, from Nice in France, has spent five years planning for the 34-mile trip from Lydd Airport to the French coastal village of Wissant in his helium filled airship.

If successful, M Roussin, who designed the aircraft, will become the first person to cross the channel using a human powered airship.



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Farm-fresh produce at new market

It'll deliver the goods, says TV chef

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

THE first farmers' market in Elham for almost 200 years is due to open this month.

And the new market, which will be held on the Triangle Green between 11am and 1pm on Sunday, June 15, has received a ringing endorsement from Folkestone-born celebrity chef Phil Vickery.

The former chef of the village's Rose and Crown Pub, who has appeared on the ITV's This Morning and Ready Steady Cook, said that he was passionate about English cooking and that supporting the Elham market would lead to a better choice for consumers.

He said: "I am really getting fed up with seeing our stores full of foreign, out of season, tasteless products."

"Seasonality is vitally important, so is regional food."

"If you buy seasonal produce, it's often cheaper and it tastes better."

"And that is what Elham farmers' market will be offering its customers – good seasonal local food, produced by people who care."

As well as selling fruit, vegetables, eggs, cheese, fresh meat, fish, bread, cakes, pies, honey, jams, pickles and wine, the stalls will be offering a wide selection of arts and crafts.

Quality

Anne Leva, Elham Farmers' Market manager, said it would be beneficial for both consumers and farmers.

She said: "The market will be a place for shoppers to meet, to buy quality, local food at fair prices and meet the producers."

"It helps the environment by reducing food miles and encour-

ages healthy eating by making fresh, high-quality food available in season and at realistic prices."

The market will be held every second and fourth Sunday of the month and is an initiative from Elham in Business, an organisation made up of companies in the village to support and encourage the area's economy.

King Edward I granted the village a market charter in 1251, and it continued in the market square until 1830, when improvements in transport led to more people travelling to Folkestone and Canterbury to buy food.

Planning considerations prevented the modern-day Elham farmers' market from being held in the square, but organisers expect the new location will still attract customers as it is easily accessible to passing traffic.

• For more information, phone 01303 840144 or visit www.elhamfarmersmarket.co.uk.

Fun day to boost charity for kids with leukaemia

SAINSBURY'S at West Park Farm in Folkestone is holding a series of activities to raise money for children with leukaemia.

On Friday (June 6) and Saturday the store is running competitions, including the chance to win a TV by guessing the number of balloons in a car, and a closed bid for an Anya Hindmarch designer canvas bag.

There will also be a secondhand book sale, and on Saturday there will be a visit from Brian Moxed with owls from the Folkestone Sanctuary.

For more information, phone 01303 850810.

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See wind turbine convoy on its way to Romney Marsh

Simply put – Anton's show is a fantastic display of dancing

■ BY JULIE MADDOX

see professionals in action in a show such as Simply Ballroom."

The production is especially lavish and fuses the colour and spectacle of traditional ballroom dance with the appeal of live theatre.

Among the dances on show are the waltz, the cha, cha, cha, the rumba, salsa and quickstep.

It is presented by Emmerdale star Sam Kane and actress Sophie Lawrence, who played Diane Butcher in EastEnders.

Anton said that thanks to shows like Strictly Come Dancing – which had 12 million viewers for its December final – classes in dance are booming in popularity.

"But the audience love it."

"It's one thing watching dancing on the television, but the glamour, spectacle and pure energy of a live performance is so much more intense."

"This is especially true when you

He only took up the art at 14 – a relatively late age and one more usually associated with boys giving up such classes.

But he explained: "I walked into the class and saw it was a room full of girls. I realised I would have been mad not to take up lessons."



TOP AWARD FOR PUBLIC'S SNAPS

Other People's Photographs (OPP), the groundbreaking public exhibition set up by Strange Cargo, has won an award in a Europe-wide design competition.

The exhibition, which saw two touch-screen archives of photos from Folkestone's history installed in the town, was one of 176 entries nominated from 26 nations in the 5th European Prize for Urban Public Space.

OPP received an honourable mention award in recognition of its achievement in involving ordinary people in a public art project.

Brigitte Orasinski, the director of Strange Cargo, said: "We are delighted to receive such a prestigious award."

"It puts Folkestone on the international public arts map. We knew the project was groundbreaking, but this is a tremendous accolade."

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Get a roundel and help wild animals

THE Aspinall Foundation and BT have launched a fund-raising application on social networking site Facebook.

Fans of the western lowland gorilla, the black rhino and African elephant can show their support for the foundation, which runs Port Lympne and Howletts animal parks by getting an Aspinall Foundation roundel from Facebook for a suggested donation of £1.50.

The badge, which will remain on the user's profile for a month, can be sent to fellow animal lovers to build support for the charity.

Sarah Tithe, fund-raising manager at the Aspinall Foundation, said: "Fundraising is all about finding ways to engage and motivate people to support their chosen charities."

"Working with BT on the Facebook application is enabling us to potentially reach not just eight million people in the UK – but in fact the 70 million users worldwide."

Society marks time at Triennial

MEMBERS of Folkestone Art Society will be holding an exhibition to mark the first Folkestone Triennial.

The society, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary, will be using the Triennial's theme of tales of time and space for the show, which will be at the Grand Hotel in Folkestone from Thursday, June 12, to Monday, June 23.

The society will also be this year's recipient of the money donated at the Folkestone flower clock.

The society has announced that it will be giving the money to the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists charity, which provides help and support to disabled artists.

For more information about the exhibition, go to www.folkestoneartsociety.co.uk.

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Discover why the county's bees are facing a terrible threat

Profit drop 'no risk to new nuclear stations'

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

BRITISH Energy, which owns both Dungeness A and B power stations, has seen a massive drop in profits due to shutdowns at two of its nuclear power plants.

The company's pre-tax profits for the year to the end of March amounted to £538 million, a fall of 32 per cent from the previous year.

A spokesman for BE said the company would be pushing ahead with plans to build the next generation of power stations in the next 10 years, one of which could be built at Dungeness.

He said: "Our plans for new-build sites will not be affected by the results."

BE attributed the losses to shutdowns at its Hartlepool and Heysham sites, which the company said was caused by boiler problems.

Bill Coley, chief executive of BE, said the results had been "disappointing" but that the company was well placed to take advantage of the need for a new generation of power stations in the UK.

The news comes as the director of the Nuclear Decommissioning Agency, Jim Morse, said he expected the cost of decommissioning Britain's power stations to rise.

He said: "I think it is a high probability that in the short term it will undoubtedly go up."

The increase in costs follows a huge rise in January which saw the price of cleaning up the older Magnox nuclear reactors, such as the one at Dungeness A, soar from £12 billion to £73 billion.

A spokesman for the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform said the Government had taken the expected rise into account.

He said: "As the NDA continues to establish – for the first time – the scale of the challenge, the

assessment of the costs involved will naturally need adjusting."

But environmental groups were swift to condemn the increase in decommissioning costs and the potential of new reactors.

Ben Ayliffe, the head of Greenpeace's nuclear campaign, said: "The Government's own experts have no idea how much it will cost to clean up nuclear waste."

"All they can do is guess that the figure will grow by billions of pounds from an already eye-popping £73bn."

"Despite the tax-payer already propping up British Energy, the company has just announced a sharp fall in profits."

"Anyone thinking of investing in nuclear power must need their head examined."

- BE reactors at Hunterston in Scotland and Sizewell B in Suffolk were shut down on Tuesday, May 27, due to technical issues, contributing to power cuts in half a million homes across the county.

Deputy mayor will not be facing charges

EMILY Sanger, the deputy mayor of Folkestone, will not be facing criminal charges over an alleged fight with her estranged husband.

The councillor for Folkestone's Harbour ward had been on police bail over the incident, which saw officers called to Gerald Sanger's Folkestone home in April.

Cllr Sanger discovered no charges would be brought against her as there had been no witnesses to back either version of events at a meeting with police on Friday, May 30.

She said: "I was glad it was over, but I didn't expect to be facing charges anyway."

Cllr Sanger said she had been surprised the news that her and her husband were on police bail had not been revealed earlier.

She said: "I was quite surprised it went on so long without people finding out. I had told people in the party – I hadn't kept it particularly quiet as I had done nothing wrong."

"I was surprised it was just Yourshepway that got it."

The possibility of charges being brought against her had led to fellow Liberal Democrat Cllr Tom McNeice standing against her for the post of deputy mayor.

However, Cllr Sanger was reappointed when town mayor Peter Gain cast a tie-breaking vote in her favour.

Cllr Sanger said she was eager to carry on with her role as deputy mayor of Folkestone.

She said: "I am looking forward to getting on with the job I was elected to do – representing the people of Harbour ward and indeed of Folkestone."

"We have the Harbour Festival to get ready for, I am looking forward to the Triennial, and there will be a lot of people coming to the town who would not have otherwise visited Folkestone – I just hope we have the rubbish tidied!"



LOOKING FORWARD: Deputy mayor Cllr Emily Sanger

Parents to unveil memorial to tragic Paige

A MEMORIAL to Paige Brown will be unveiled at Hawkinge Village Hall.

The plaque dedicated to the memory of the four-year-old from Hawkinge who accidentally hung herself from a hammock on New

Year's Day will be laid by her parents, Phil Brown and Lorraine Ford, at the hall on Friday (June 6) at 1pm.

A cherry tree in Paige's favourite colour, pink, will also be planted in the new raised flower beds outside

the hall as part of a new landscaping project in the village.

Lorraine said: "The family has been overwhelmed by the community's reaction and support."

"A cherry tree will help keep memories of Paige alive."



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SHORTLISTED: Valley Leisure Centre could be the training base for Paralympians before the 2012 games

Paralympians into the Valley... if centre can clear last hurdle

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

FOLKESTONE'S Valley Leisure Centre could be selected as a training venue for the 2012 Paralympics.

The centre, which is housed at Pent Valley Technology College, has made the shortlist of eight sites in Kent that are in the running to be used by elite athletes from around the world as a training ground.

The other sites are Medway Park in Gillingham, Dartford Judo Centre, the University of Kent at Canterbury, Stour Leisure Centre in Ashford, Sevenoaks School in Canterbury, Canterbury High School and the Polo Farm Sports Club in Canterbury.

A brochure listing the facilities has been prepared by the 2012 organisers in conjunction with the British Paralympic Association and will be made available to participants and organisers at this year's Beijing games.

A spokesman for the association said: "We looked at things like accessibility and made recommendations as to suitability of venues for Paralympians."

"Participants in the games obviously have a number of needs which must be accommodated before venues are put forward."

"All of the places we suggested filled these qualities admirably."

Stuart Wise, manager of the Valley Leisure Centre, said he was delighted that the centre had made the brochure.

He said: "I am really excited – there were more than 200 sites they had put forward, and of the eight that made the shortlist we are by far the smallest."

Mr Wise said he believed the centre had been named as a possible venue because it has been specifically designed to be inclusive.

He said: "We specialise in wheelchair basketball and we have Vikki Silk, who is a potential Paralympian, at Pent Valley Technology College."

"Being in the brochure is no guarantee that we will be hosting any events, but we are over the moon – we are confident that we will be able to host any of the events."

"We were the only sports centre in Shepway to make the shortlist and we are delighted to have the chance to be involved with this once-in-a-lifetime event."

Paralympic events that could be staged at the centre include wheelchair fencing, Boccia, wheelchair volleyball, wheelchair rugby and wheelchair basketball.

Mike Hill, Kent County Council cabinet member for community services, said: "This is excellent news and something very exciting for Kent that elite Paralympians and Olympians could be coming to our local facilities to train before competing at the London 2012 Games."

Cultures mix – even in the rain

There was an archetypically English feel to the launch of Folkestone's multicultural festival. But our doughty KOS Media team was not be deterred by such matters and was on hand to bring you all the excitement of the festival, which celebrates the diverse mix of cultures that make up the town.

Shoppers in Folkestone's Sandgate Road received a taste of the planned festivities as Italian food was handed out and a samba band braved the rain to play a selection of Latin classics.

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Stones and posters add more to arts festival

THE latest additions to Folkestone Triennial, the new arts festival from the Creative Foundation, have been announced.

The six commissioned artworks for the three-month event, which opens on Saturday, June 14, includes an offering from Turner Prize winner Mark Wallinger.

Wallinger's Folk Stones – 19,240 numbered pebbles representing British fatalities on the first day of the Battle of the Somme – will be placed near Folkestone's Road of Remembrance.

French artist Christian Boltanski will be installing recordings of letters to and from First World War servicemen in benches.

Film-maker Tacita Dean will be exhibiting a 16mm film of a dawn crossing of the Channel from Boulogne to Folkestone.

Bosnian photographer Sejla Kamerić will be displaying posters throughout the town exploring how Folkestone has changed.

For more information, you can visit [www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk](http://folkestonetriennial.org.uk).

Photo exhibit screen not suitable for lift

A PLANNING application to install a touch screen displaying images from Strange Cargo's Other People's Photographs exhibition to the outside of the Lower Leas lift station has been refused.

The proposal to attach the screen to the station, which is Grade II-listed building, was turned down by Shepway council as it was "detrimental to the character and incompatible with the appearance of the listed building".

Brigitte Orasinski, director of Strange Cargo, said: "We will be looking to locate the screen in another location where it can be seen by as many people as possible."

Dog will have his day

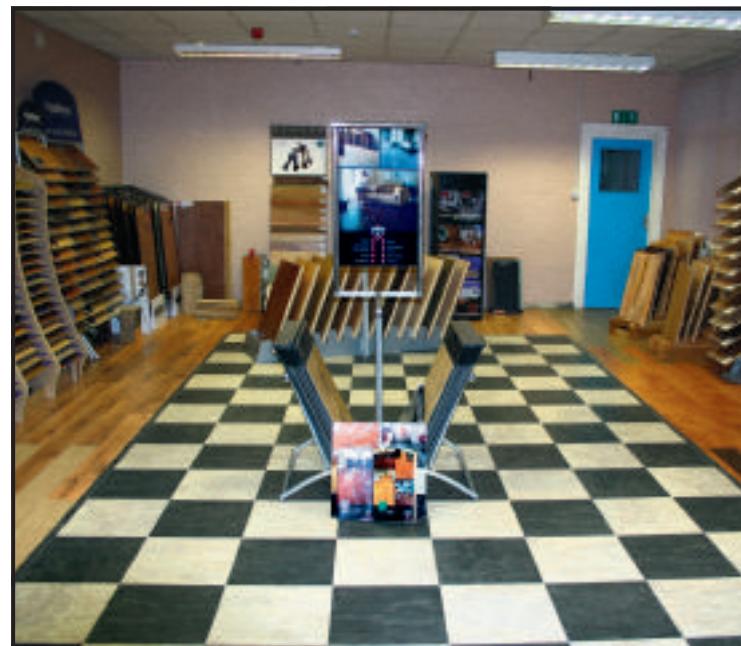
THE search is on for the final member of the cast of Annie The Musical – yes, Sandy the dog.

The production at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone will be holding auditions to find the perfect pooch for the role on Saturday, June 21, at 10am.

Any breed is eligible, but the dog will have to be well trained, with a gentle temperament and used to being around children.

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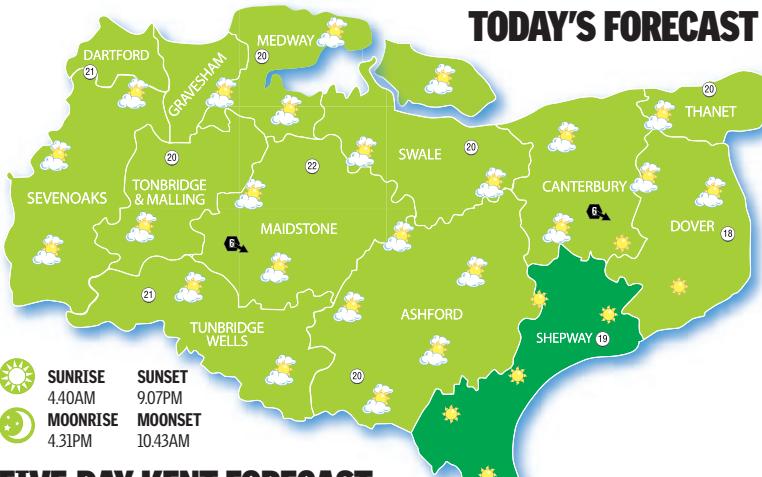
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	Sunday	1:48pm	6.6m
Dungeness	Saturday	12:51pm	7.7m
	Sunday	1:37pm	7.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	1:24pm	5.1m
	Sunday	2:18pm	5.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	2:26pm	5.7m
	Sunday	3:13pm	5.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	2:35pm	5.2m
	Sunday	3:23pm	5.2m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Cape Town	18°C	Tenerife	24°C
Cardiff	19°C	Tokyo	21°C
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Hong Kong	29°C	Warsaw	24°C
Las Palmas	24°C	Wellington	12°C

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Canterbury	18°C	19°C	19°C	19°C	19°C	Maidstone	19°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	22°C
Chatham	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	Ramsgate	18°C	19°C	19°C	19°C	19°C
Dartford	19°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	22°C	Rochester	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
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Folkestone	17°C	18°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	Tonbridge	19°C	20°C	20°C	20°C	21°C
Gillingham	17°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	Tun Wells	19°C	20°C	20°C	20°C	21°C

Hythe is the place to be... and even the French say it

HYTHE is a must-visit tourist destination, according to French travel bosses after a trip to the area.

Officials from the Communauté d'Agglomération Boulonnais and the Boulogne Shepway Co-operation Organisation were given a guided tour of St Leonard's Church and Port Lympne Wild Animal Park by Chris Kirkham, the manager of Discover Folkestone, Hythe and Romney Marsh.

They were also accompanied by the Folkestone Town Centre manager, John Barber.

The four organisations were taking part in a series of cross-Channel visits to build up a better understanding of holiday and leisure destinations.

Mr Kirkham said: "Our French visitors were clearly impressed by the contrasts of visitor experiences we showed them."

"They were fascinated to find that a Norman parish church in a historic Cinque Port town housed a unique ossuary which has been attracting incredulous visitors for centuries."

"They were amazed that just four miles out of town is an internationally acclaimed wildlife attraction where they could watch elephants, rhinos, big cats, buffalo and giraffes roaming scenic countryside and, for a bonus, enjoy delightful landscaped gardens and explore a mansion containing works of art."

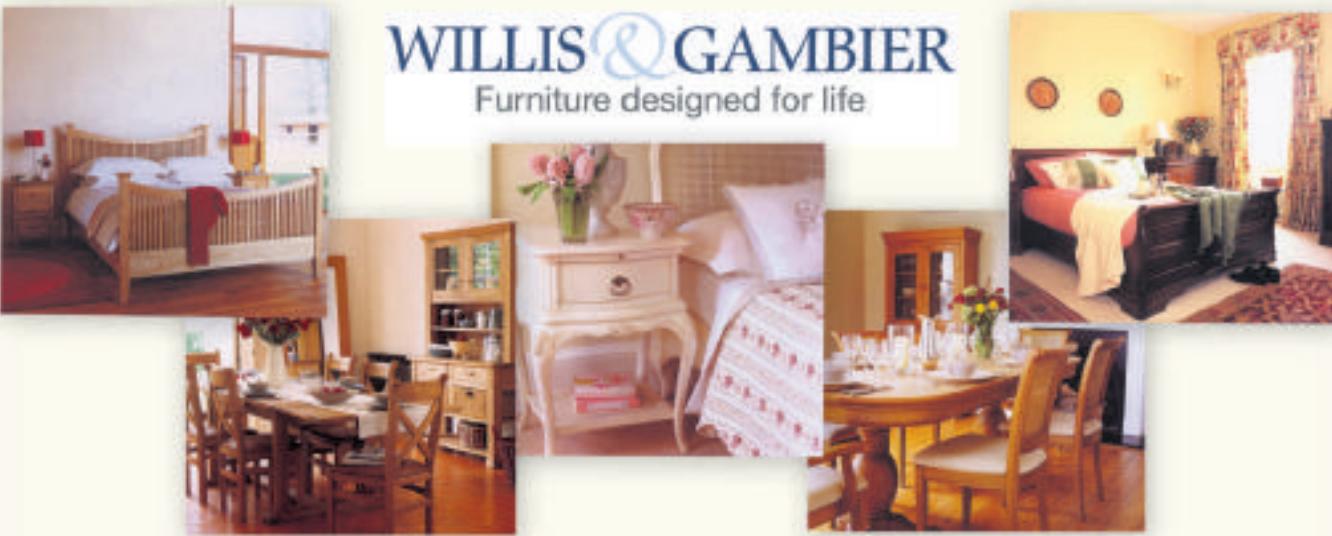
"Along with the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway, which is already well known on the other side of the Channel, they agreed that the 'church of bones' and Port Lympne were a trio of attractions which make Hythe a must-visit destination."

"This endorsement from people regularly providing information to potential visitors from northern France is immensely helpful to our efforts to increase day and short-break numbers from across the Channel."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

RICHARD WELLINGTON



Q & A

Dr Richard Wellington is the director of the Harley Dental Clinic, which opens in Folkestone next month. He explains to Rob Livingstone why a trip to the dentist need not hold its traditional terror.

Q Can you tell us a bit about yourself?

A I am from Bexley, I was educated in Chislehurst and I graduated from Guy's Hospital in 1980 with a BDS with honours and a distinction in orthodontics and pedodontics.

After I graduated I went over to work as a lecturer at the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa for a couple of years. I came back and did my Masters degree and then I went to work for the Arabian/American oil company and worked there as a general dentist for eight years and then as a prosthodontist for ten years. I came back to the UK in 2002, so I have worked overseas virtually my whole life.

Q What can you tell us about your plans for the Harley Dental Clinic?

A If people were treated overseas they would see things are done differently. My experience is from the States, where you tend to get multi-clinics. The clinic I worked in had 44 dentists, 12 of whom were specialists. We had hygienists, we had laboratory technicians – everything was there, so when people came in it was a one-stop deal for them. They came in, they saw the hygienist; if they needed a referral to a specialist, that could be done; if they need X-ray pictures, that could be done.

What we are doing is bringing that structure over here – the idea of having a multi-clinic with all the different specialists under one roof as well as a laboratory and so on.

And hopefully it will be a great addition to the area – a jewel in Folkestone's crown!

Q Why did you become a dentist?

A I originally applied to go to medical school and I went and spoke to my local doctor who, under the old contract, absolutely hated his job. And I spoke to a local dentist who loved his and I thought 'Hang on a minute' and changed to dentistry.

Q Why do you think the UK has such a bad reputation when it comes to dental care?

A I don't know why, but I can guess at some reasons. People in the UK seem to have a pretty low dental IQ, which sounds insulting, but they haven't been offered a great deal in the past, so they don't know what's out there.

There is lot of new equipment; there are a lot of new treatments that aren't available here. With the NHS, not much money has been available for dentists – they haven't been able to keep up with equipment. If something cost £40,000, then the average dentist in Britain might not be able to afford it, unlike a dentist working overseas.

Your teeth and the structure that supports them makes up about a third of your face. If some doctor said he was going to take a third of your face off, you would spend a fortune to salvage it, yet this is exactly what happens to people who are losing their teeth – and for some reason they don't seem to care.

I think that the young people we see are much more concerned with the appearance of their teeth, and looking after their teeth.

Q Do you think you can reverse this trend?

A I certainly hope so. You are always going to have some people who don't care about the state of their teeth, just like you have people who are told by their doctor to stop smoking and eat more healthily.

But there are so many advantages to having good dental health that hopefully people will see that and want it for themselves.

There is little history of preventative dentistry in this country. On the NHS you only get paid if you take something out or drill something, but it is possible to prevent tooth decay.

In Scandinavia they have had government programmes for decades which have been doing that. So if people are interested, then that is the sort of thing we can do.

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People are starting to realise that their kids do not have to go through what they went through.

It is going to take a lot of time, but I think that as people become more aware of what is available they will want those things once they know what is out there.

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Drivers urged to vote against increased toll

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

MOTORISTS across the county have been urged to join a protest against a planned 50 per cent price hike in toll charges at the Dartford River Crossing.

The rise in the fee from £1 to £1.50 to enter or leave Kent by the River Thames follows an 18-month public consultation into the future of charging and is expected to be introduced in the autumn.

This is despite the original cost of building the two tunnels under the River Thames and the QE2 Bridge over it having been met in 2002 – with the legal authority to charge a toll expiring in April 2003.

The toll is being regarded by critics as another stealth tax on motorists. But supporters say drivers will save money in the period between 10pm and 6am, when crossings will be free.

Gordon Henderson, the Conservative parliamentary candidate for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, wants families in Kent to sign an online petition calling for Prime Minister Gordon Brown to scrap the charge.

Scandal

He said: "Most motorists in Kent use the Dartford Crossing at some time and many people use it regularly."

"It is a scandal that although the cost of constructing the crossing was covered years ago, we poor motorists are still being stung for almost £100 million each and every year."

"To propose increasing the cost by 50 per cent is quite simply daylight robbery."

The crossing between Dartford and Thurrock is operated jointly by Le Crossing Company Ltd and the Department for Transport.

A DfT spokesman said that scrapping the charge would be counterproductive and that compromises were already in place.

He said: "We recognise that traffic levels are



ENOUGH! The Dartford River Crossing is frequently at a standstill, but price rise protesters say putting up the cost of using the tunnels or the bridge is not the way to improve the situation and would be another stealth tax on motorists

bad, but we are already taking steps to try to reduce the level of congestion through the Dart Tag scheme and dropping charges at night.

"Our modelling shows that at peak times the bridge and tunnels can be overwhelmed, so the fee is intended more as a congestion charge, which is then lifted at quieter times."

The department says that congestion levels would rise if the 'user fee' for the bridge and tunnels was scrapped and is keeping the original £1 charge for those drivers using its pre-paid Dart Tag system.

However, the online petition on the No 10 Downing Street website states that removing the toll booths would significantly reduce the

amount of traffic queuing up on either side.

It also states that the exhaust fumes generated by the cars waiting in line cause unnecessary environmental damage and that the delays add extra expense to business and transport costs. The latest demand on drivers comes as the Government is facing mounting pressure over rising fuel costs.

As KOS Media reported last week, almost 100 truckers from Kent joined a fleet of 500 lorries which converged on Downing Street to protest at the cost of diesel for haulage firms.

Mr Brown has since warned that high oil prices are here to stay, following a meeting with industry bosses last week.

Police to get more beat time with hand-helds

KENT POLICE has been chosen as one of 27 forces across the UK to receive funding so it can invest in hand-held computers.

The force will receive £1.9 million in funding to cover the costs of 1,100 portable computers for patrol officers.

A further 150 mobile information devices will be installed in marked police cars. Nationwide the scheme is costing a total of £50 million.

The new devices will allow officers on patrol to access police databases and complete some of their necessary paperwork without having to return to a police station.

Supporters of the scheme say this will allow them to have more time on the front line and some of the equipment has already been trialled successfully across the county.

Technology

Assistant Chief Constable Steve Harris said: "Officers have to spend time accessing police database systems and completing paperwork in police stations rather than spending time on our streets, where they are most needed."

"While paperwork is a necessity for every force, this initiative will help officers use their time effectively and allow access to database systems while remaining a visible presence within the community."

Policing Minister Tony McNulty said: "We are investing in new technology to make crime-fighting more effective and to save officers' time."

"This £50m capital fund will deliver 10,000 mobile data devices to forces nationwide."

"It is just one element of a range of improvements we are delivering to cut unnecessary bureaucracy, exploit new technologies and enable police officers to spend more time on front-line policing."

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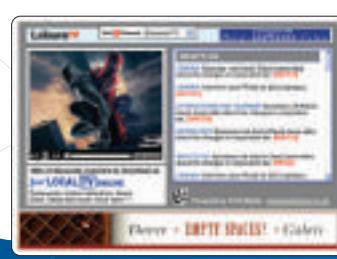
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BY NICK AMES

THIS year is the 50th anniversary of the Kent Wildlife Trust and it is to be marked by the biggest environmental survey of the county ever made.

The trust, which has Absolutely Fabulous actress Joanna Lumley as its patron, manages 60 nature reserves covering 7,500 acres.

During the year a total of 800,000 copies of This Is Your Wildlife Survey 2008 will be distributed to households.

The survey asks seven questions covering issues such as the importance of wildlife sites and the animals, birds and fish which live there, the role of councils and other bodies in protecting the natural environment, what more needs to be done in this field and the importance of the countryside in political terms.

It also includes a calendar of events and details of the trust itself, which manages a range of habitats, including coastal areas, woodland, downland, forest and marsh as well as rivers and lakes.



SAFE AND SOUND: Dormice are among hundreds of animals protected by the trust

Chief executive John Bennett says he feels the findings of the survey will prove valuable in pointing the way forward for work to preserve the county's natural heritage for coming generations.

He said: "We've been protecting wildlife in the Garden of England for 50 years now and we want to ensure the next 50 years are even more productive. We want to

know what people think to inform the work of both the trust and the county's decision-makers."

The first 135,000 leaflets will be delivered in the coming weeks across the east of the county.

A series of events called This Is Your Wildlife is being held across the county to mark the trust's 50th anniversary.

The next major event will see a

free family day being held at the trust's largest nature reserve, which includes the area around Sandwich and Pegwell Bays.

It takes place on the weekend of June 21-22 from 10am to 4pm, when visitors can take part in guided walks, classes in wildlife, specialist photography and activities for children at different areas of the reserve.

The area includes beaches, salt-marshes, sand-dunes and mud-flats, which are home to an internationally important selection of birds, particularly waders and wildfowl.

Hundreds of visitors were also treated to a wildlife display earlier this month at the first This Is Your Wildlife event.

The trust's Marden Meadow nature reserve, near Staplehurst, was opened to the public so they could see thousands of green-winged orchids combined with masses of buttercups as the perfect backdrop to displays of wildlife.

Slices of the largest birdseed cake ever made and which marked the trust's 50th anniversary were served to visitors.

The cake was made at the trust's Tyland Barn headquarters near Maidstone.



Warning: cure is great, but still wash your hands

THE news that scientists could be on the brink of a cure for MRSA has been broadly welcomed by a hygiene and infection control campaigner.

A research firm based in Brighton is already carrying out human trials on the drug and claimed its discovery could be used in hospital wards to prevent spread of the infection by 2011 and within six years could cure patients.

But Tony Charlton, whose mother-in-law was one of 90 patients to die during superbug outbreaks at hospitals in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, urged caution.

He said: "I was delighted by the news and the possibility it could be used for *Clostridium difficile* in the future.

"My only reservation is, will it stop people concentrating on basic hygiene? If something can be cured, then people tend to pay less attention to the basics."

Mr Charlton, who has been campaigning tirelessly to raise awareness about superbugs since the untimely death of his "very fit and active" 86-year-old loved one, compared the discovery of a cure to the over-reliance on antibiotics.

New cures and treatments are needed now because infections have become resistant to antibiotics, he said.

MRSA, which killed 134 people in Kent between 2002 and 2006, causes fewer deaths than *C diff* but can leave people severely disabled.

KOS Media is running a campaign to promote basic hygiene at home and in hospitals and healthcare centres across the county.

Simply washing your hands is currently the best way to help healthcare professionals beat superbugs.

High Speed One could become Continental

EUROTUNNEL is considering putting in a bid to buy the new high-speed rail line which will link towns in the county with London from 2009.

Franchise operators like South East Trains would then pay Eurotunnel, which owns and runs the Channel Tunnel, to use the fast track.

The move comes after the company completed an internal restructuring which has restored it to financial health by rearranging existing financial commitments.

Making an offer for the rail link between London St Pancras and the Channel Tunnel is a natural move for Eurotunnel, which already counts Eurostar as a client, according to bosses at the cross-Channel link operator.

The new rail line – called High Speed One – will cut journey times to London from towns such as Ashford, Folkestone, Canterbury and Ramsgate by about a half of the existing timetable. It will also make Medway quicker to get to from the City of London than places

in the capital itself, such as Clapham and Wimbledon – traditionally affluent suburbs.

Eurotunnel boss Jacques Gounon said he would be looking at ways of growing the business, including the bid for the high-speed line when it is put up for sale in the coming months by Government-backed London and Continental Railways.

"Eurotunnel now has a strong balance sheet. We will certainly consider the high-speed line," said Mr Gounon.

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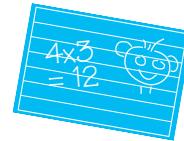
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BREAK TIME

Children take up power challenge

PUPILS from five primary schools from across Kent have taken part in an engineering challenge at Dungeness B power station.

The students had to build robots, racing cars and hovercrafts for the chance to win their school £600.

After the day's efforts East Stour Primary School, Ashford, were awarded first place, with runners-up from Mersham Primary School in Ashford, Petham Primary School, Canterbury, South Borough Primary School, Maidstone, receiving £250 worth of prizes.

Terry Mosley, an industrial safety engineer at Dungeness B said that he had been impressed with the pupils' efforts.

He said: "All the children that took part were a credit to their schools."

Around the world

CHILDREN at Hawkinge Primary School will be learning about cultures from around the world as part of their annual arts and geography fortnight.

The project, which runs from Monday to June 14, sees pupils studying the language and history of four world powers, and finishes with a celebration performance at the village community centre.

Students from the reception year and year one will be learning about India, year two will be studying North America, years three and four will be learning about Russia and years five and six will be looking at China.

SEND your schools news and pictures to yourshepway@kosmedia.co.uk. You can also upload your video clips of schools events on to www.yourkenttv.co.uk

£1,000 fine if students don't buy own licence

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

STUDENTS from Shepway going to university for the first time have been reminded to make sure they have a valid TV licence if they are moving away from home to avoid a £1,000 fine.

Unless they update their address details, new undergraduates will not be covered by their parent's licence and are liable for prosecution.

Students need a TV licence if they will be living in a hall of residence and have their own TV, or if they are sharing a house and use a TV in their room and will only be covered by their parent's licence if they use a receiver that is powered by internal batteries.

A TV Licensing spokesman said: "Many people believe that when they move, their licence moves with them, however, this is not the case.

"We want to make things easier for students by encouraging them to get their paperwork done now, to avoid the risk of being fined £1,000 for not being licenced at their new address."

Undergraduates needed a TV licence to watch or record TV programmes, said the spokesman, irrespective of whether they are using a TV, computer, laptop or mobile phone to watch them or if they are using terrestrial, a satellite dish, cable or the internet to receive them.

He said: "We are simply asking students to spend a minute or two online to update their address details which mean that we can contact them to check they are correctly licenced.

"If their new living arrangements mean that they won't need a licence they can let us know and we will update our records."

Students could be eligible for a refund on the



TV WARNING: Undergraduates need a TV licence when they move away from home to go to university

last three months of their licence if they are not staying at university over the summer.

If they bought their licence in October and don't need it for July, August and September students can claim back the final quarter of

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Homophobia lives despite progress in recent years

MAY 17 marked International Day Against Homophobia and there were events to coincide with it across the UK and around the world.

The day and organisation were started by French gay man Louis George-Tin a few years ago, based on the 1990 decision by the World Health Organisation to de-list homosexuality as a mental disorder.

The event has happened annually since, but a lot of campaign work is done in between.

Why do we need to continue with efforts to challenge such bigotry?, some may ask. After all, given the advances made in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights in the past few years, surely things are far better than they were?

Unfortunately, things are not as rosy as they may seem. Last year, LGBT campaign group Stonewall published a disturbing report into the abuse suffered by LGBT school students, or those who are perceived as being gay.

It found that more than 60 per cent are subject to regular abuse and threats, including one in six receiving 'death threats'.

Despite the need to tackle this, the Government hasn't put teaching about LGBT issues, along with sex education in general, on the National Curriculum.

True, it has sent out strong guidelines to all secondary schools via county councils (KCC did so immediately), but the response has been patchy at best.

Stonewall published a report which clearly showed the high level of discrimination and abuse in the workplace for LGBT adults.

Religions, both fundamentalist and mainstream clergy/scholars alike, continue to issue anti-LGBT statements.

There was a demonstration at Rochester Cathedral on May 17 challenging the Bishop of Rochester's homophobic remarks.

Last year the bishop (the Rt Rev Dr Michael Nazir-Ali) spoke against gay adoptions and civil partnerships, and then complained about US gay bishop Gene Robinson.

However, as Dr Nazir-Ali has suffered abuse and threats because he converted from Islam to Christianity, we asked him why he was still so unsympathetic to LGBT people.

He was challenged to attend the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury to meet Bishop Robinson, who is coming over uninvited.

Finally, Kent Police and the Crown Prosecution Service, who have both made great strides in developing new contacts, policies and attitudes towards LGBT people since 1997, held a diversity seminar on May 17.

The speaker was Ben Summerskill, chief executive officer of Stonewall, and the meeting was opened by Deputy Chief Constable Adrian Lepper.

These efforts and more will continue – they are very necessary if our societies are ever to remove fully the scourge of bigotry, whether against LGBT or indeed minority groups.

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CAROLINE CHAMBERS

Caroline Chambers, manager of the Channel Chamber of Commerce, tells Rob Livingstone why she is taking part in National Liftshare Day



Why are you taking part in the National Liftshare Day?

Lift sharing will bring large cost savings for those travelling long distances – a return journey to London five days a week is over 700 miles a week; but it can also bring rewards on short distances, and help contribute towards a better environment for all of us. Every day I get in my car and drive three and a half miles to work, and then three and a half miles back again – seven miles a day, five days a week makes 35 miles a week just to and from work. That's approximately £20 in fuel, and £20 for insurance, road tax and repairs every month. If I offer a lift to someone who lives and works in the same area as me – and we split the costs – I am better off, they are better off and its one less car parking space needed at my place of work.

The aim of the day on June 9 is to encourage businesses to try car sharing with a colleague in the hope that they will then realise the benefits.

Do you think people will be willing to share?

Liftsharing can only work if enough people register their details on the website so suitable matches can be made. Employers should encourage all employees to visit liftshare.com and register their commute.

What can sharing a car to work achieve?

Parking and congestion are well known problems in Folkestone, therefore, if we can get more cars off the road by utilising empty seats in cars everyone will benefit. So if you are travelling Seabrook-Sandgate-Shepway Business Centre on June 9 and you would like to share a lift with me – register on the website.

YOUR LETTERS

Man of integrity and passion

Many tributes have been made to Norman Gilchrist, the former councillor and Mayor of Deal, whose funeral was last week.

I will remember Norman not just for his commitment to the interests of Deal but for his passion.

Norman was a passionate defender of the rights of people with mental health problems who for years visited psychiatric wards to make sure that the needs of the patients were being met. Norman was not only a man of great integrity, but also someone truly committed to the welfare of all.

Cllr Ben Baner, leader of Dover District Council Labour group

Some politicians do work very hard

I was rather disappointed to read that Ian Munton feels let down by politicians who don't seem to care (letters, May 14).

Perhaps because I am only a district councillor, I am not regarded as a politician, but I have attended all the public meetings in respect of the lorry park and recycling plant (other than the Brabourne and Smeeth meeting, when I was on holiday) and I was right in the middle of the protest march speaking to as many people as possible.

I have voiced my objections to both, and Michael Howard, our MP, has clearly stated he is against the recycling plant.

Susan Carey, our county councillor, has also attended all meetings (including the one I missed) but was unable to attend the march because of a prior commitment.



DON'T BERATE PRINCES

The blogger (May 7) who vilified Princess Diana's two sons has a chip on his/her shoulder that has led to a damning article.

What that may be was not mentioned; however, the tone of his/her comments was unpatriotic and inaccurate.

As an ex-military man, I know there are certain conditions in war zones in which two different armies will accept field authority from other officers. Second Lieutenant Harry Wales was in an air liaison role identifying and communicating grid references of targets for air strikes to the RAF and USAF.

This is not giving "orders" from another nation's army to another, but communicating information to achieve objectives.

The flight officers and wing commanders would be giving "orders" either to attack or not the targets, not Prince Harry.

Chinooks are in short supply because of the severe cuts in Ministry of Defence spending levered by the present government, but you have to have some non-operational for training purposes.

Prince William is trying build his solo hours flying for operational duties and whether he just stooges across cross-country flying or goes to events makes little difference to the cost.

My family has proudly served crown and country since Napoleonic times. If the blogger feels so badly about our monarchy, he/she should emigrate to another country, the further the better.

John Atkins, Greatstone

She has clearly stated that she too is against both applications.

I have a full-time job and a family but, as people who read

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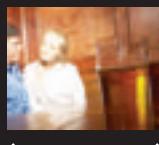
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Recently, I made a representation to Shepway council and the county council because residents could not use their bus pass before 9.30am. This week Cllr Carey informed me that she too had lobbied the county council and it had revised the decision so that bus passes can be used from 9am.
Jenny Hollingsbee, via email

Channel School was brilliant

I am a former pupil of the Channel School, now at Folkestone Academy.

I read in Yourshepway about principal John Patterson dying and read: "The old Channel School was the place for children who knew they were there because nowhere else wanted them as they had been passed over by all the other schools."

That is not at all true.

I chose to go the Channel School – I passed my 11-plus exam and got offered a place at grammar school, but I felt much better at the Channel School.

We all know that is not true – Channel was a brilliant school.

Martyn Austin, via email

Town has excellent cinema to enjoy

I was surprised to read Andrew Pearson's letter that Dover hasn't got a cinema.

Mr Pearson and the editor obviously don't know their Dover very well.

We have a fairly new cinema, which was incorporated into the old market conversion and is part of the museum and discovery complex.

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Mary E Morgan, via email



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ON THE BUS

Monday, June 9
Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells



THREE top performers will be getting on the bus to bring an evening of old-fashioned variety to Kent next week.

Comedians Harry Hill and Lee Mack will join magician Paul Zenon and a host of acts for On The Bus, a show that celebrates the best in live entertainment.

It will help also to raise funds for Zenon's pet project, Wonderbus, which offers great days and evenings out for the elderly.

Wonderbus was inspired by a chance meeting with an old friend at the funeral of Zenon's grandmother.

When he was a child, his grandmother had arranged a trip to the theatre for Zenon and his friends – an event which would ignite his own interest in show business – and Zenon decided it was time to return the favour.

"Television is not geared towards old people, but they deserve it because they're not going out every night," he said. "Being old in this country can be about isolation. Wonderbus is not just about seeing a show, but also meeting the neighbours."

Zenon's screen career began in children's television, which led to him creating his own kids' show Crazy Cottage.

He was a pioneer of street magic, has appeared on numerous television programmes and is a regular guest in Countdown's Dictionary Corner.

Hill was educated at Cranbrook School, Kent, and gained a medical degree before taking a drastic change of direction into comedy.

He has enjoyed a hugely successful career as a stand-up and sketch comedian, having hosted several of his own radio and TV series.

His hit TV review show, the surreal Harry Hill's TV Bury, recently picked up two BAFTAs.

Mack is also no stranger to trophies, having been part of the BAFTA award-winning team on ITV's The Sketch Show. His self-penned sitcom Not Going Out, in which he stars with Tim Vine and Sally Bretton, has picked up two gongs and his radio series The Lee Mack Show was nominated for a Sony Radio Award.

Completing the line-up will be an assortment of live musicians and specialist acts, in what Zenon described as "a variety show with a modern twist".



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: Paul Zenon will be joined by the comedians Harry Hill and Lee Mack in a traditional variety show in support of Zenon's Wonderbus project for the elderly

"Until fairly recently variety shows had a bit of stigma, but people have discovered that they're not old-fashioned as long as the acts aren't," Zenon said. "Variety is very popular because people can't see it on TV."

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15.

To book, phone the box office on 01892 530613/532072, or alternatively go to www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.



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THE AUSTRALIAN PINK FLOYD

Friday, June 13
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

AFTER wowing the world with their stunningly accurate live production, The Australian Pink Floyd Show is coming to Shepway.

The new show is part of a 56-date tour of Europe and follows the band's extraordinary global success.

The Australian Pink Floyd Show, or TAPFS, has conducted six arena tours of North America in the past four years and has just performed its first show in India.

Venues include London's Royal Albert Hall

and over the past 15 years TAPFS has become one of the most watched rock shows in the world. Pink Floyd founder David Gilmour is quoted as saying that TAPFS was an accurate portrayal of his own stage performances, with an injection of their own humour.

This year's show promises to be even more lavish than before with better lasers, lights, projections and inflatables.

For the first time, the show will also include extended extracts from the classic 1979 double album The Wall performed live.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £26.50/£24.50. To book, phone the box office on 0844 847 1776.

VICTORIANA DAY

Sunday, June 8
Dover Castle

MUSIC from the reign of Queen Victoria will be in the air at Dover Castle this weekend.

As part of the castle's series of events exploring music through the ages, Victorian Day will provide a fascinating opportunity to discover the music and dancing of that era. Historical musician Hautbois will lead the day of pomp and circumstance, giving visitors the chance to hear the melodeon and the bagpipes.

Dressed in colourful period costume, the Arbeau Dancers will demonstrate the court and social dances that were popular at the turn of the century.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy all the usual attrac-



tions at the castle, which boasts an intriguing history. See one of Europe's best-preserved Roman lighthouses, watch Pathé news clips from the Second World War and the room where Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay planned the Dunkirk evacuation. From medieval sieges to the

Secret Wartime Tunnels, there is plenty to discover.

The Victorian event will run from 11am to 4pm. Tickets cost £10.30/£8.20 for adults, £5.20 for children and £25.80 for families. For more information visit the website at www.english-heritage.org.uk.

STEPHEN FROST

Thursday, June 5
The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

Frost has always been a shining light of the alternative comedy scene, appearing as one half of The Oblivion Boys with Mark Arden on Saturday Live during the 80s.

The pair regularly appeared on The Young Ones and landed their own TV comedy series, Lazarus and Dingwall.

They also starred in the long-running series of commercials for Carling Black Label lager.

Frost made a cameo appearance in Blackadder Goes Forth as an over-enthusiastic head of a firing squad and had a role in the film Mr Bean Rides Again.

He is also a popular guest on a number of radio and TV shows and a veteran of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15. Phone the box office on 01227 787787, or book online at www.marlowetheatre.com.



THINGS could take an unexpected turn when Stephen Frost and his friends set their improvisation skills to work.

Frost and his pals – Andy Smart, Jim Sweeney, Steve Steen and Richard Vranch – are veterans of the popular TV improvisation show Whose Line Is It Anyway? and proved a huge hit at last year's Canterbury Festival.

SHEPWAY LEISURE

Enjoy music afternoon with songs to savour

STEP back in time and enjoy an afternoon of musical nostalgia at the Leas Cliff Hall today.

Remember When features songs by stars of yesteryear including Doris Day, Bing Crosby, Julie Andrews, Max Bygraves and Vera Lynn. The show starts at 2.30pm and tickets cost £9/£8. To book, phone 0870 4000 890, or visit the website at www.leascliffhall.org.uk.

Funny tale taps out five lives and loves on stage

A WEEKLY tap dancing class helps five unlikely characters to discover their potential in the comedy Stepping Out.

The tale explores the lives and loves of four women and one man as they attempt to learn from former dancer Mavis. Folkestone & Hythe Operatic & Dramatic Society is staging the show at the Tower Theatre, Folkestone, until Saturday. It starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £9/£7.50. Call 01303 223925.

Six-piece band picks out hits of rock's finest

CLASSIC and modern rock songs will be performed live by Monkey-See-Monkey-Do this weekend.

The Ashford-based six-piece band plays cover versions of hits by artists, from Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix to Red Hot Chilli Peppers.

The gig will be held at the Ocean Inn in High Street at 9pm on Saturday and admission is free. Find out more about the band online at www.monkey-see-monkey-do.org.uk.

Dogs will have their day at animal sanctuary

TAKE part in the Doggy Fun Day and Boot Fair at the Lord Whisky Animal Sanctuary at Stelling Minnis on Saturday.

There will be dog activities, stalls, tombolas, displays by dog teams, canine experts, magic and more at the event, which will run from noon to 3.30pm. The dog show will start at 2pm and entrants can be booked from 1pm.

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All signed up and not a Belinda in earshot

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

AFTER eight weeks of sporadic additions to the inaugural Hop Farm Festival, the line-up is finally complete.

The last place on the bill – for all you Guess Those Bands addicts out there – was given to Carbon/Silicon, a punk rock quartet boasting former Clash superstar Mick Jones.

Unfortunately, there was no room available for my GTB prediction of Belinda Carlisle. Accordingly, I scored no points.

While clearly angered/disappointed that festival organisers overlooked Mrs Carlisle, famed for worldwide smash hits such as Heaven is a Place on Earth, Circle in the Sand and (We Want) The Same Thing, the line-up is still incredibly strong.

Los Angeles-based indie stars Everest are set to take the stage after Carbon/Silicon, with critically acclaimed soloist Laura Marling set to follow.

Guillemots are next up, with revered US singer Rufus Wainwright filling the mid-point of the one-day event's musical offerings.

My Morning Jacket, Supergrass and Primal Scream will then perform before making way for headliner Neil Young to bring proceedings to a close.

Organiser Vince Power said the Hop Farm Festival would be different to mainstream summer events such as Reading/Leeds and V.

He said: "I've been watching the festival market for the last couple of years and I just felt that it was frustrating for the punter that there was such a big emphasis on sponsorship, VIP and upgrading your ticket to get into a special area."



"We did an online survey and the feedback was among young fans that often the person buying the ticket ended up feeling the lowest on the pecking order."

FINALLY: Carbon/Silicon (above) and Guillemots are among the last bands to sign up to the Hop Farm Festival

"I thought it was time to go back to basics and let it be about the punter and the music. I think you will see a change in festivals completely in the next two or three years."

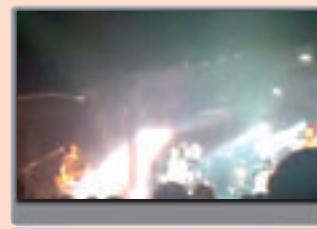
"Bands rely on live performances much more than they did in previous years, the market is changing and I think the bigger bands will have a lot more input into the festivals because it is clear they could do their own festivals if they want to."

The open air Hop Farm Festival takes place on Sunday, July 6, with gates opening at 11.30am.

Tickets cost £49.50 plus a booking fee. (The Best of Belinda Carlisle Volume One is currently £5.99 online).

For more information on the Paddock Wood one-dayer, visit www.hopfarmfestival.com.

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Or for a lighter look at Britain try the Pub Landlord's Book of British Common Sense by Al Murray for £9.

Dress to impress for a lot less than you'd think

PEACOCKS in Folkestone is offering mix and match outfitts for £40.

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To complete the look why not pick up a pair of gold jewelled gladiator sandals for £12 and a gold sequin stripe straw handbag for £8?

Or try a grey leopard print gypsy top for £10 with a white denim mini-skirt, also for £10 with a few accessories.

Dramatic films are sure to grab your attention

HMV is selling Sydney Lumet bleak tragedy, Before the Devil Knows You're Dead, for £13.99.

A tale of two brothers who agree to rob their parent's jewellery store, the film features top-notch performances from Philip Seymour Hoffman, Ethan Hawke, Alfre Woodard and Marisa Tomei.

The store is also selling The Valley of Elah for £11.99, the tale of a retired army military police sergeant (Tommy Lee Jones) whose son has gone AWOL after returning from a tour of Iraq.

Shoot-em-up that will leave you in a Haze

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Express travel is elegant

BY LIZ GILL

WE are all sophisticated train travellers these days – able to appreciate elegant cabins, gourmet dinners with fine wines and discreetly attentive service.

At least we are if we can afford the fares charged by Orient Express. And what really knocks your socks off is the sheer childish thrill of lying in bed on a train, just a few feet above the tracks, as it rolls onwards through the night into a dark mysterious landscape.

I woke long before the Asian dawn, partly to relish the experience of watching the full orange moon and the stars beyond my window, and partly to be ready to see daybreak as we journeyed on towards Bangkok.

It does not disappoint. It is not just the strange splendours of the scenery – the brilliant green paddy fields, the water lily-covered ponds, the distant smoky mountains – it's the storks and egrets catching their breakfasts, the water buffalos lumbering into action, the cyclists who wave as they wait at the crossings on their way to work, all the homes on stilts with their lovingly-tended household shrines.

We are on the inaugural run of a new journey by the Eastern and Oriental Express from the Laos border down to Bangkok, and the excitement has been palpable from the moment the guard waved his flag at Nong Khai station.

The new Eurostar might be all about the



SOPHISTICATED: Travel in fine style in the Far East

speed, but here in south-east Asia the whole point is to travel at a more leisurely pace to savour the surroundings. So our train does not hurtle along, it progresses at a stately 40mph and because much of the trip is along a single track there is a certain amount of stopping and waiting in a siding for other trains to pass.

Nor is the journey as physically smooth as with modern Western trains. Travelling in the aftermath of the rainy season, we realise the track is more spongy and hence more bumpy.

By contrast, inside the train everything is lav-

ish and gorgeous: the last-word in luxury is, after all, what people are paying for.

The interiors, by the same team who worked on sister train the Venice Simplon Orient Express, use wooden marquetry veneers, Chinese and Thai lacquer, Malaysian motifs, wall carvings, engraved mirrors and hand-embroidered silks.

As well as the sleeping compartments, which come in three styles and sizes – the Pullman, the State and the residential – there are two restaurant cars, a bar car with pianist, and a saloon car with reading area and tiny boutique selling themed trinkets. There are 40 local and European staff to look after the 132 passengers.

Dinner involves everyone dressed to the nines for a feast that combines the flavours of East and West. Entertainment comes in the form of traditional Thai dancers.

While we've been enjoying ourselves our stewards have been transforming the 'day setting' of our compartments into welcoming bedrooms.

In the morning they bring us breakfast and reverse the process before we make our way slowly into the teeming heart of Bangkok.

Bangkok was where our journey originally began. This was only the last leg of a trip which included three days in Thailand's capital and three in Laos's capital.

The two cities make a fascinating contrast: Bangkok bustling, vibrant, proudly monarchist, a riot of colour and noise and round-the-clock activity; Vientiane is softer, sleepier, once French-colonial, now firmly Communist cousin.

The Eastern and Oriental Express offers a quite unique perspective of the Far East in the 21st century.

FACT FILE: THAILAND (AND LAOS)

Time difference UK +7hrs (same)

Capital Bangkok (Vientiane)

Population 63 million (6.5 million)

Currency Thai Baht 64 to £1 approx (Kip 175 to £1 approx)

Religion Theravada Buddhism (Same)

Climate Tropical (Same)

Language Thai (Lao)

Holiday details

Liz Gill was a guest of Kuoni Travel which offers seven nights in the Far East – three at the Shangri-La Bangkok (www.shangri-la.com) in the Krungthep Wing, three at the Settha Palace Vientiane (www.setthapalace.com) and one aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express (www.orient-express.com) from Vientiane to Bangkok from £3,262.

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GOLDENBALLS

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COME DINE WITH ME

Channel 4, 8pm, Thursday

■ BY TOM BETTS

I WANT just one thing in life.

Forget the love, happiness and amazing cars that others seem to crave.

And children, wealth and family can all go on the backburner too.

I want to end my days, to shuffle off this mortal coil, knowing just one thing.

That I departed life with the rules of Jasper Carrot's teatime quiz, Goldenballs, firmly planted and understood in the old brain.

That'll do for me.

Somehow though, I fear that aim will remain unfulfilled.

For here is a quiz show that the combined IQs of Einstein, Newton and Hawking would struggle to figure out.

It appears to be good fun and everyone looks to be having a high old time, but I'm still not convinced that anyone really has a firm grasp of what's actually going on.

Host Jasper Carrot seems to be the only one to have it worked it all out, but then again he did have a top-five hit with a song called Funky Moped, so he is clearly some kind of genius.

REGULAR readers will know I love a good cookery show.

I'm not sure why really as, away from the box, I can barely peel a trifle or boil a steak.

But nevertheless, I was as excited as an easily-satisfied movie-goer at a Pirates of the Caribbean premiere when I saw Channel 4 was offering up a new prime-time show concerned with the ways of the oven to grace our Thursday nights.

So imagine my disappointment and utter despair when they served up



MIDAS TOUCH: Jasper Carrot, who is the host of ITV1's teatime quiz show Goldenballs

Come Dine With Me, a show so inept that on the other side Holby Blue started to look like a viable alternative.

Yes, it is THAT bad.

Four rubbish cooks take turns to serve each other rubbish food at rubbish dinner parties over rubbish conversation, all tied together with a bad voiceover by some bloke who sounds as bored as I was.

The result for the viewer (who must give up an hour of their life to watch this tripe) is seeing one contestant receive £1,000.

Wow...

Hardly going to put your kids through college in these times of economic strangulation is it?

CDWM is little more than a waste of airtime between commercial breaks.

So take bit of advice from me, if you can't stand the heat, don't go to the dinner party.



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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS

(Jan 21-Feb 19)
THERE'S no point in hiding; Cupid is bound to find you. Warm, magnetic types are especially entranced by your cool demeanour. You could form a partnership that is pure fire and ice. If you're already with a partner, this would be a good time to lavish your mate with an expensive gift. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

TAURUS

(Apr 21-May 21)
THE security of home and family is vital to your well-being. When you start feeling fearful of the future, ask your loved ones for support. They'll be happy to support you if you falter. Your conservative approach to money could be a real selling point for potential employers.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753

LEO

(Jul 24-Aug 23)
A STRONG urge to bond with friends could prompt you to cut back work in favour of social time. Follow this instinct at all costs. Lately, you've devoted too many hours to work. Your warmth and charm are evident to everyone. Someone you meet could put you on the trail of an excellent position.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756

SCORPIO

(Oct 24-Nov 22)
AN instinctive understanding of other people's needs helps you climb the ladder of success. A romantic prospect is also impressed by your mastery, and may ask you for a date. Your mutual passion will be easily ignited by wine, candlelight, and soft music.

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SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23-Dec 21)
A CLOSE relationship may undergo an exciting new phase. Don't be surprised if you start looking at an old friend with a romantic glint in your eye. One thing is certain: Two heads are better than one this week. A glamorous trip could be in the cards.

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PISCES

(Feb 20-Mar 20)
IF you are looking for a new home you could find a place that is very near to your employer. A caring relative could give you a valuable lead. Speaking from the heart helps to gain a colleague's trust. If something has been bothering you, go out and voice your concerns.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763

GEMINI

(May 22-Jun 22)
YOU'LL be on a high this week, sharing your enthusiasm with everyone. Your optimism triggers generosity at every turn. This is a great time to promote ideas. The sheer force of your personality could prompt people to change opinions. If you could bottle this charm, you'd make a fortune.

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CANCER

(Jun 23-Jul 23)
YOU soak up the atmosphere like a sponge. That's why you need to be very careful about the company you keep. Surrounding yourself with cynics will drag you down. Stick close to the friends who make you laugh. Working behind the scenes could prove rewarding.

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VIRGO

(Aug 24-Sep 23)
CAREER opportunities are cropping up. Although a firm offer may not come until next year, it's nice to have this prospect on the horizon. Your ability to assert leadership in a subtle way wins the admiration of your peers. The best authority figures don't have to flaunt their power.

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LIBRA

(Sep 24-Oct 23)
YOUR political and ethical beliefs play a tremendous role in your relationships, but discussing such ideas can put a real strain on friendships. Happily, that won't be the case this week. It's refreshing to talk about important ideas with people you respect.

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CAPRICORN

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

THIS is a wonderful time to launch a fitness program. Re-establishing that mind-body connection will help you in other ways, too. All of a sudden, you won't feel the urge to dull your emotions with food and drink. Work off any tension at the gym, then give yourself a reward.

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INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (12A)



The most eagerly anticipated film of the summer is a glorious nostalgia trip and delivers adrenaline-pumping thrills interspersed with smart one-liners during the action sequences. But the hocus pocus storyline is both gossamer thin and preposterous. Indy's latest outing is half the film it could have been.

CASSANDRA'S DREAM (12A)



Woody Allen's latest offering is a nightmare, especially for leading men Ewan McGregor and Colin Farrell, who wrestle with hysterically strained London accents, clumsy dialogue, ludicrous plotting and a complete lack of dramatic tension.

SJP enjoys sex and the cinema

■ BY SHEREEN LOW

SINCE Sex And The City ended on UK screens in 2004, the series' leading lady Sarah Jessica Parker has sat in hotel rooms around the world promoting romantic comedies such as The Family Stone and Failure To Launch.

Yet she never imagined that, four years later, she would be discussing the big screen version of the hit TV show.

"I never thought I would be sitting here talking to you about this movie," reveals the 43-year-old, flicking her tousled hair.

Speaking from a New York hotel room the actress, who has a son – five-year-old James Wilkie – with actor husband Matthew Broderick, reveals she had a vital role in organising Sex And The City: The Movie.

"The seeds had been planted for the movie. Two years ago, in April 2006, I picked up the phone and started putting the pieces back together again," she recalls.

"In the latter part of summer 2006, we got Michael Patrick King, the director and writer, involved.

"I don't think Michael and I wanted to come back in series form. Our personal lives were different. I have a son who still really likes us and wants us around.

"Now is not the time for me to leave him but a movie is a finite period of time and so, lo and behold, two years later here we are."

And despite playing sex columnist Carrie Bradshaw for six years, Sarah Jessica, admits that she had initial doubts about reprising the role.

"I always just worry. It's who I am. I always think that I'm going to be fired the first week of any job," she says.

"I didn't think I was going to be fired from this but I thought I was disappointing Michael. I always think that – it's just the

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way that I function at the top of every job."

But it didn't take long for things to get back to the way they were.

"The first scene was seeing Chris [Noth, who plays Big] waving at him, walking across the street, kissing him, walking into an apartment building and all the first scenes of the movie. That was really what we shot first," she says.

"And for the first few days it was myself and Chris, and then it was Kristin [Davis, who plays Charlotte] and the last day of that week Kim [Cattrall, who plays Samantha] and Cynthia [Nixon, who plays Miranda] joined us."

"So by the time it was the four women on Park Avenue on that perfect September day, it was just unforgettable."

The film's storyline has been kept largely under wraps, allowing for speculation and rumours. But Sarah Jessica says the movie wasn't just a money-making scheme – it was more for the fans.

As for a potential sequel, Sarah Jessica says she's trying not to think too far ahead.



STUNNING: Sarah Jessica Parker and her character, Carrie Bradshaw, are known for their bold fashion sense

"Getting to this point has been the sole professional focus of my life for the last two years. So, to think beyond this is greedy," she adds.

"It's not up to us anyway. This has been a dream. To ask for more is just vulgar."

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Darren and Catrin are proud to announce the safe arrival of Oliver James Kieron, born 21st May at William Harvey, Ashford. Little brother to Thomas, Joshua and Eleanor.

BOWEN

Clive and Aytul Bowen of Broadstairs celebrate the birth of their son Tyler Emre Bowen on 16th May 2008.

BREDEN

Kelsie Kay Breden born on 19th May 2008, weighing 6lb 10oz. Daughter to Kay Breden in Ditton. Our gift sent from heaven.

BROWN

Kome and Babs celebrate the birth of their daughter Morenike on 16th May 2008 Welcome sister to Toks and Remi

CARUANA

Charlie Vincent born on 14th May 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital,

weighing 8lbs 1oz.
Son to Vincent and Gina Caruana and brother of Jamie.

DAVIS

Louise is delighted to announce the birth of her beautiful daughter Beau Violet on 6th May 2008 weighing 7lb 4oz. A sister for Zoe and Lara

DEAL

Ruby-Mai born on 21st May 2008, weighing 6lbs 5oz.

Daughter to Rachel Marsden and Daniel Deal of Ramsgate.

HO

Ka Kei and Ka Leong Ho are pleased to

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JAMES

Oliver Sidney born on 16th May 2008, weighing 8lbs 11oz. Son to Richard and Sarah and brother for Nancy.

MCLEAN

Malcolm and Pippa are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Emilia McLean. A sister for Nathanael. Born on the 23rd April 2008.

Pritchard

Jacqui and Michael of Margate celebrate the birth of their son Joshua Michael

Alan Pritchard on 9th May 2008.

Russell

George born on 26th April 2008, weighing 4lbs 5oz.

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Birchington, a brother for Skye - Louise.

Slowe

Matthew and Sarah of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Daniel Slowe, on 16th May 2008 weighing 9lbs 13oz.

THOMAS

Zechariah Kenneth born on 13th April 2008, weighing 6 lbs 13oz. Son to Jay and Joanna Marie in Margate

WALLER-SMITH

Chris and Ruth of Broadstairs are very proud and pleased to welcome their much longed for daughter, Emma Meryl Elizabeth Waller-Smith. Emma was born on 27th April 2008 at 9.09pm and weighed 8lbs 6oz.

WEST

Hayden James born on 13th May 2008, weighing 8lbs 2oz. Son to Nicholas and Sherryanne in Birchington, a brother for Skye - Louise.

DEATHS

ASHBY

Enid died peacefully at home on Monday 26th May 2008 Aged 98. Cremation for family and friends at Vinters Park Crematorium on Friday the 6th of June.

CLEUGH

Malcolm Frank Cleugh of Maidstone passed away on 12th May 2008. Enquiries to Doves Funerals, Maidstone 01622 688662.

LIDDLE

George Liddle of London, Bromley and latterly Maidstone, died peacefully on 22nd May 2008 at Maidstone Hospital aged 88. Enquiries to Michael Lawrence Funeral Directors 01622 661678.

SCOTT

Thomas Alan who passed peacefully away at Darent Valley Hospital on 21st May 2008 Sadly missed by his wife Doris family and friends

DIGGLE

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May 2008, aged 81.

EAGLETON

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TAYLOR

Winifred Taylor of Erith passed away peacefully on 19th May 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital. Funeral Service to be held at Eltham Crematorium on 2nd of June 2008 at 3.30pm. All friends welcome to celebrate her long and happy life. Flowers to Co-op Northumberland Heath.

IN MEMORIUM

HUMPHREYS

George Humphreys aged 75 of Bluebell Hill Village, formerly of Swanley, sadly passed away on Monday 19th May 2008 surrounded by his family. A loving Husband, Dad & Gramps who will be sadly missed. Short Burial Service Friday 30th May 2.30pm at

St. Mary's Church, St Mary's Rd, Swanley BR8 7BU followed by a Thanksgiving Service 3.30pm at St. Albans Church, Robin Hood Lane, Bluebell Hill Village ME5 9QR. Family flowers only, donations welcome to Alzheimer's Research Trust. Further details Sears Funeral Directors 01622 725035

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PROPERTY NEWS

Check out rental cost before letting

PROPERTY owners looking to let on a casual basis should be aware of the complexities of entering the rental market according to experts.

Homeowners who need to relocate but are unable to sell in the property market downturn are increasingly turning to the rental market for a solution.

According to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' latest survey of members, 28 per cent more reported a rise in new tenant lettings than a fall.

However, John Heron, managing director of market analysts Paragon, said would-be landlords risk being caught out by a number of costs they have not been taken into account.

They also need to be aware of the legislation that applies when renting out.

For example, if the property is mortgaged, the lender's approval will be needed for a change of tenure.

The rent set should take into account void periods and repairs; it is standard practice for a lender to insist that rent is at least 125 per cent of monthly mortgage repayments.

Also tax implications need to be fully understood as authorities are clamping down on landlords who are not making full and accurate declarations.

Committee wants VAT cut on repairs

A PROPOSAL to cut VAT on property repair and maintenance has been put forward by the influential House of Commons Community and Local Government Select Committee.

Members said such action would allow landlords to carry out repairs they may otherwise have not been able to fund.

The report said that the tax rate means that some properties which are just about habitable could become derelict because of a lack of incentive to undertake improvements by landlords.

It adds that any financial assistance would help to bring such homes back into the mainstream housing market.

The proposal will go before MPs for a full vote but the majority are believed to be in favour of a cut which could reduce the 17.5 per cent rate to just five.

Brian Berry of the Federation of Master Builders supports the move.

He said: "The high rate of VAT on building repair acts as a disincentive for landlords to maintain their properties."

New roof? No worry, say intrepid buyers

■ BY NICK AMES

PROPERTIES in need of renovation are proving popular with buyers looking for a bargain in the current housing climate.

More than half the people who took part in a recent survey by lenders said they would be interested in buying a home and working to get it into prime condition.

The research also revealed that period properties are more popular than modern homes – even if they need work done on them.

Across the county period homes in places such as Canterbury, Faversham, Rochester and coastal towns have been among the most popular on the market.

Buyers say they like the fact that the homes have character and by renovating they can easily put their own vision into place – something far more difficult to achieve in a purpose-built modern home on an estate or development.

Features such as inglenook fireplaces and original beams were among the most popular features which appear in home built in previous decades.

But the major reason is buyers are willing to undertake work on home improvements themselves in an effort to avoid paying top prices for desirable homes.

A total of 52 per cent of respondents to the national survey by Yorkshire Bank said they would consider the idea of acquiring an older property in need of some work.

This is despite the fact that 42 per cent of those who took part agreeing that an 'older home is a "financial gamble".

Gary Lumby, the bank's head of retail, said: "During the property boom of recent years homes in need of repair typically attracted property developers with their eye on turning a profit.

"However, in the current climate it seems house buyers are also on the lookout for a bargain and will take on relatively major renovation work, such as replacing a roof or rewiring, if it helps them to secure their dream home for a more affordable price."

The survey found 57 per cent of men would not be deterred in taking on DIY tasks whereas the figure for women was 49 per cent.

But young professionals bucked the trend towards period homes with 69 per cent saying that a ready-made home needing no work was top of their property wish list.



LASTING APPEAL: Period properties have never lost their desirability and are more popular than new homes

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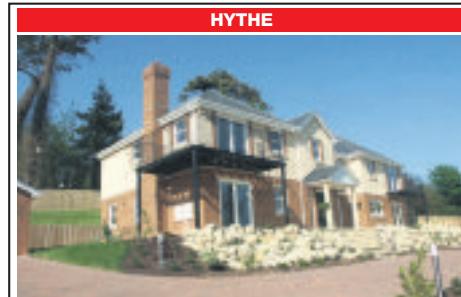
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MOTORS NEWS



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Those interested in attending the course at the F G Barnes showrooms in Sutton Road, Park Wood, Maidstone, should phone 01622 755 531 or apply at www.fgbarnes.co.uk.



Baby Peugeot is UK's eco-favourite

PEUGEOT'S 107 city car is the UK's best-selling low-emissions vehicle and the newly refreshed Urban Move version was the key to its success.

Available as a three or five-door car, the Urban Move (from £8,295) comes with air con, rev counter, driver and passenger airbags, electric power steering and radio/CD player with MP3 connectivity and metallic paint, plus the 107's four-star Euro NCAP safety rating. The three-cylinder 1.0-litre petrol engine produces just 109 g/km of CO2 – qualifying for £35/year road tax.



Kia delivers more Soul

CONCEPT cars are often emasculated before production.

Not so Kia's eye-catching Soul, due on sale here early next year.

The spirit or 'soul' of the original concept has been retained by the version that will hit the streets and, incidentally carry over the original name – and pun on the Korean capital.

The 'urban mini-SUV lookalike' should be a significant model in another way; a potential cult star delivering street cred as well as Kia's keen pricing and seven-year warranties.



POWER: The 300C looks like a car you wouldn't want to mess with, but with a starting price of just £27,495 you'll most likely be happy to snap one up to cruise around in

Muscular Chrysler offer is even harder to refuse

CHRYSLER'S retro-styled 300C looks like a Mafia muscle car and has been making big car buyers an offer they can't refuse for the past three years.

This became more difficult with a facelift for '08 and no compromise on bargain pricing.

Also popularly known as the "poor man's Bentley", the big saloon and its spin-off Touring (estate) variant has been a big success for Chrysler, creating a halo around Chrysler group dealerships that used to be generated largely by the Jeep 4x4 brand.

In truth, the car's handling is off the pace, though Chrysler continually denies that erstwhile partner Mercedes-Benz donated the chassis from the previous generation E-Class.

But who really cares when the car looks so imposing and cruises so comfortably? With the optional 'Bentley' grille, the 300C also looks like it should cost two or three times what it does – from £27,495 for the best-selling diesel entry model tested here.

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ROAD TEST CHRYSLER 300C

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

£32,495) featuring styling accoutrements on the 6.1-litre V8 Hemi SRT-8 (£40,995), marrying eye-catching 'SRT-Design' body kit and alloys with the 300C's relatively economical yet powerful Mercedes 3.0-litre V6 diesel unit.

Across the range, the exterior re-working has been subtle, with a tweaking of the rear fascia and light clusters plus new boot lid for the saloon, with integrated spoiler and high-mounted stop light.

But Chrysler has been busier where it needed to be; the interior has had a more dramatic makeover with a new instrument panel and centre console design, highlighted by satin silver bezels on the clocks and gauges.

Soft touch materials replace some harder surfaces that currently mar many Chrysler group products. Other tweaks include seat-mounted airbags in front and side-curtain airbags to the rear for increased driver and passenger safety.

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BABY HOT HATCHES

IT'S not just owners of family cars who are having to downsize their ambitions under pressure from rising fuel costs and road tax – performance car owners are also having to get real. Their answer can be found in the buoyant secondhand market for supermini hot hatchbacks like the three little scorchers featured here. No, your insurance premiums won't be a lot better, but you will save on fuel and tax and driving enjoyment could be even higher than before, even if some creature and ride comfort is sacrificed.

FORD FIESTA ST



FORD has been one of the champions of hot hatches over the years with its XR and recent ST versions of standard models. The Fiesta ST upholds the tradition in terms of pace and handling even if it can be noisy and ride comfort is primitive. Power comes from a feisty 148bhp 2.0-litre engine so the lowered stance and styling add-ons do not flatter to deceive but, as when new, the Fiesta is not the cheapest contender on the market.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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SOMETHING of an unsung hero, this turbocharged 150bhp 1.5-litre three-door supermini delivers a lot of bangs for your bucks and withstands the potential thrashing hot hatchbacks can be exposed to. 'Mits' has made a good job of ensuring the car's extra urge is delivered progressively and when you want it, although the driving experience is not one of the best. The car is well made though and spacious and imaginatively trimmed inside.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

SEAT IBIZA CUPRA



SEAT is the affordable performance brand in the VW Group, with its FR and Cupra versions of standard cars epitomising that label and winning big sales. The Ibiza Cupra is one of the stars and usually seen in bright yellow and red; something of trademark in a market where most cars have a metallic paint job. Diesel and petrol versions are offered and share pin sharp handling and a decent ride quality – not always compatible in a small hot hatch.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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Closing date for completed application forms is Friday 20 June 2008.

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Ref: 00984/K3

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This post is required to cover a period of maternity leave and is fixed term to 9 January 2009.

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OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (FIXED TERM)

Ref: 00983/K3

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You will be a graduate or equivalent and have some experience of teaching or planning and managing learning in a school, further, higher education or community setting. You will have experience in the organisation and management of projects and initiatives and a demonstrable commitment to widening participation and lifelong learning with a minimum of three years experience in an educational context. You should possess excellent communication and organisational skills together with strong team and networking abilities, good IT skills and experience of working with young people and adults.

Flexibility in working arrangements is highly desirable and you will be expected to do some evening and weekend work.

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Lecturer in Foundation Studies

Ref: LW02

Salary: £16,891 - £24,540

An opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic professional to teach, assess and participate in the development of Foundation programmes. The successful candidate must have a recognised teaching qualification and experience working with learners with learning difficulties and disabilities. You will be required to teach at our Medway and Oakwood Park campus in Maidstone.

Lecturer in Travel & Tourism

Ref: LW03

Part time and Full time

Salary: £25,092 - £28,719 pro-rata

An opportunity has arisen for a Lecturer in Travel & Tourism. The main purpose of the role is to deliver and teach on a range of Travel and Tourism courses. You must have a relevant degree, ideally in Tourism and will have or willing to work towards an appropriate teaching qualification within a specified timeframe. Please specify preference for part time or full time vacancy on your application.

Lecturer in Sport

Ref: LW04

Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

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Receptionist/Administrator

Ref: LW05

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Ref: LW06

Salary: £11,599 - £16,199 pro-rata

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Ref: LW07

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KSRC Technician

(18.5 hours per week)

Salary: £17,861 - £22,907 pro-rata

We are seeking to appoint a Technician to support the delivery of teaching and training at the new Kent Science Resource Centre, located at the Kent Science Park in Sittingbourne. Ideally, the candidate will have experience working in a laboratory and have a HNC or degree in a relevant science subject. With good interpersonal skills you will be able to work as part of a team supporting teaching and training activities for Industry, Schools and Colleges. Whilst some experience and/or knowledge of instrumentation, for example HPLC and GC would be advantageous a willingness to learn and develop new skills is essential. For an informal discussion and further details please contact Julie Coleman on 01795 599588.

Ref: LW08

Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Exclusive companies enjoy 300-year status

BRITAIN'S oldest brewer, Shepherd Neame, recently hosted the Tercentenarians' annual meeting – a gathering of the handful of British companies more than 300 years old.

Representatives of well-known names including Fortnum and Mason, founded in 1707, hatters James Lock and Co, of St James's, founded in 1676, and the Fleet Street bank Hoare & Co, founded in 1672, had a brewery tour, a tutored tasting and lunch at the Faversham brewery's visitor centre.

Two Kent companies are in the Tercentenarians – Shepherd Neame, founded in 1698, and R Durtrell & Sons, of Rectory Lane, Brasted, master builders since 1591.

Britain's most exclusive business club was founded in 1970 by Geoffrey Durtrell and Richard Early of bedding firm Early's of Witney, founded in 1669.

Business to business

LAW firm Furley Page is sponsoring B2B '08 – an annual Kent business-to-business event organised by Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce at Ashford International Hotel on June 24.

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Still time to win £10m

PROPERTY entrepreneurs in Kent need to get on their skates as the entry period for the biggest business prize in real estate – a £30 million pot – is drawing to a close.

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Forward planning will help when time comes to hand over

IT comes to every business – the time to hand on the baton of power to someone else.

For small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) succession planning should be an evolving process and reviewed on a regular basis, according to Chris Gandon, a partner at a leading Kent accountancy firm.

Mr Gandon, who works at Horwath Clark Whitehill, which has offices in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, says that knowing when to pass on the baton or sell on a business is never an easy judgment.

He said: "However, planning should take place well in advance of the end game."

"When things are going well and the company is at its peak, it may seem ludicrous to start thinking about when to stop."

"But succession planning is a healthy exercise for any firm to undertake and should be seen as worthwhile as any formally thought-out aspect of the business."

It allows a business to focus on long-term goals and strategies and gives it direction.

If you wait too long, you will be leaving your business exposed with under-prepared management and the possibility of high capital gains tax (CGT) and inheritance tax (IHT) liabilities. By taking expert advice at the right time, and treating a plan as not set in stone, the end result should allow many options.

These include building up the value of the business; creating personal wealth and ensuring the company is correctly structured to mitigate against CGT and IHT and take advantage of other allowances or grants.

Whatever the business-owner's motivation is for looking to exit, they should be able to build up a nest egg through a combination of personal investments and pension plans.

One area that can be a particularly good option, especially for family-run or owned companies, is a Small Self-Administered Scheme.

This allows you to invest some or all your funds in property, shares or deposit accounts instead of paying pension premiums to an insurance company.

So whether it's the end of the beginning or the beginning of the end, it's never too early to think about where and what lies beyond.

To find out more contact Mr Gandon on 01622 767676, or email chris.gandon@horwath.co.uk.



SUCCESSION: Chris Gandon, of Horwath Clark Whitehill, an accountancy firm with offices in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, warns businesses that planning is crucial

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Rain wins the day as game cancelled

SANDWICH TOWN'S game against Blackheath fell victim to the weather as the Premier Division match was abandoned before the game was due to begin.

Heavy rain in the days leading up to the match made the ground too damp to play on, forcing the game to be scrapped.

Sandwich will hope for better weather when they visit Tunbridge Wells this Saturday.

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Highlights of HBU CSL's roller hockey semi-final against Middlesbrough

Failure with the bat costs Sibton a second victory

CRICKET

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

A POOR display with the bat cost Sibton Park as they slipped to an 82-run defeat at home to Broadstairs.

A knock of 63 from Broadstairs' number nine Bradley Ellison proved crucial as he steered his side away from an embarrassingly low total.

No one in the Sibton Park line-up was able to emulate Ellison as only three players reached double figures in a heavy defeat.

It was a complete turnaround from earlier in the game when Sibton Park were well on top.

After winning the toss they opted to field and looked on course to win their second game of the season, as Broadstairs' top seven batsmen con-

tributed just 39 runs.

The visitors were in trouble but Ellison and Michael Ross (26) came together and slowly built a respectable total.

Chris Heath (3-22) and Andy Allon (3-42) returned good figures for the hosts.

Sibton Park's reply got off to a bad start when opener George Leadbetter departed for a duck.

They struggled throughout their innings on a pitch which favoured the bowlers, losing wickets too regularly to mount a challenge.

They were eventually dismissed for just 70 in the 33rd over.



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS: Sibton took Broadstairs's top seven batsmen for 39

Kent Cricket League Division One

Sibton Park CC - 1st XI v Broadstairs CC - 1st XI

Broadstairs

	Runs
Ben Futter	13
David Cooper	6
Liam Narraway	0
Neil Brennan	2
Scott Narraway	0
Terry Bond	18
Sam Winsor	0
Michael Ross	26
Bradley Ellison	63
Chris Kidd	2
Stuart Wisemand	2
George Leadbetter	1
John Osborne	1
Martin Wren	18
Chris Heath	8
Sam Newman	0
Trevor Lewis	0

Extras (2b 6lb 1w 1nb) 20

Total (all out, 47.4 overs) 152

Bowlers

O	M	R	W
Sam Newman	6	0	20
Trevor Lewis	12	8	17
Chris Heath	7	2	22
Chris Spring	11.4	2	43
Andy Allon	11	2	42

Extras (2b 1lb 1w) 4

Total (all out, 32.3 overs) 70

Bowlers

O	M	R	W
Chris Kidd	15	7	25
Stuart Wisemand	14	5	31
Michael Ross	2	0	10
Scott Narraway	13	1	1

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Gutsy Harland fails to qualify for Beijing

ATHLETICS

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

GEORGINA Harland ran through the pain to help Great Britain win a silver medal at modern pentathlon's World Championships, but a disappointing overall performance ended her hopes of Olympic qualification.

Even before damaging a calf muscle in the final event, the 30-year-old was well out of contention. Her 30th-place finish means the Canterbury athlete will not have a chance to add to the bronze medal she won in Athens four years ago.

The competition in Budapest was Harland's last chance to qualify for Beijing and she needed to finish on the podium to force her way into the Great Britain team.

Valuable

After recording the fourth best score in Thursday's semi-final, hopes were high for Harland as she beat her three team-mates to cruise through.

But in Saturday's final, Harland was in trouble from the first event. Her score of 153 points on the shooting range was the worst of the 36 competitors.

A 20th-place finish in the fencing event and 14th in the swimming saw her climb the leaderboard, but she still trailed the medal positions by some distance.



BITTER SWEET: Georgina Harland missed out on her dream of Olympic qualification but won a medal in the team event

Harland recorded the second best score in the riding, but it was still not enough to close significantly on the leaders.

Although a podium finish was highly unlikely, she still had a chance to move up the field with her strongest event, the 3km run.

It was going to plan until 500m from the finish when Harland was struck with a calf injury. With valuable team points still needed,

she kept going.

Her Olympic dream was ended, but her efforts ensured she left with a medal in the team event.

Pentathlon GB performance director Jan Bartu said: "She was in severe pain and limped to the finish. We only beat Hungary to silver by two seconds, and that was thanks to Georgina's effort."

Teesiders crush hopes of all-Herne Bay final

ROLLER HOCKEY

HERNE Bay United's hopes of creating roller hockey history were dashed on Saturday by a well-organised Middlesbrough side.

The club were hoping to be the first to have two teams contest the National Cup final, but the Teesiders deservedly progressed with a 7-3 win against United's second string team HBU CSL.

The club's first team reached the final by default after opponents Manchester forfeited the game at short notice.

With one side already in the final, HBU CSL knew victory against Middlesbrough would set up an all-Herne Bay showpiece next month.

In their league matches, each side had won their home match and the hosts were handed a great chance to take the lead when they won a penalty in the second minute.

The effort was well saved and from then on Middlesbrough enjoyed the best of a tight half, taking a 2-0 lead into the break.

The visitors increased their lead with two more goals early in the second half to leave HBU CSL a mountain to climb.



FINAL: Herne Bay will face Middlesbrough

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Closing date is June 6.

QUESTION: Which energy supplier is an official partner to the Twenty20 Cup?



UPBEAT: Kent skipper Key is banking on home support

CRICKET

Key seeks revenge against Somerset

KENT Spitfires take on Justin Langer's Somerset Sabres in the quarter-final of the Friends Provident Trophy this afternoon.

Rob Key's side are just two games away from another showpiece final after topping the South/East division courtesy of five straight wins in the competition.

Their reward for finishing top is a home tie at the St Lawrence Ground against a team that beat Kent by the narrow margin of 20 runs a week ago in the county championship.

Key is looking for revenge and hopes his side's good form in the competition will help them earn a semi-final spot.

He said: "It's fantastic to get a home draw. We are playing very well in the Friends Provident Trophy, but will have to be at our very best against a tough Somerset side."

Sky Sports will also be making an appearance at what should be a full house.

For live updates from the St Lawrence Ground visit www.yourcanterbury.co.uk.

• FORMER Kent captain David Fulton has released a video of the incident in which a ball almost blinded him after finding its way past the grill of his helmet.

Fulton was batting in the nets in Canterbury in 2003 when a 90mph ball from a bowling machine hit his right eye, leaving him with partial vision.

The video, posted on the Professional Cricketers' Association website, shows Fulton practicing the pull shot, but a ball was fed into the machine before he looked up and bounced up between the grill and peak of his Kent helmet.

The 36-year-old had to undergo major surgery and miraculously was back leading Kent eight weeks later.

Fulton decided to release the video five years after the incident to warn players about the importance of taking out insurance.

The PCA will pay £5,000 for a player under-21 who suffers permanent disablement and £20,000 for a player over the age of 34.

To see the video visit www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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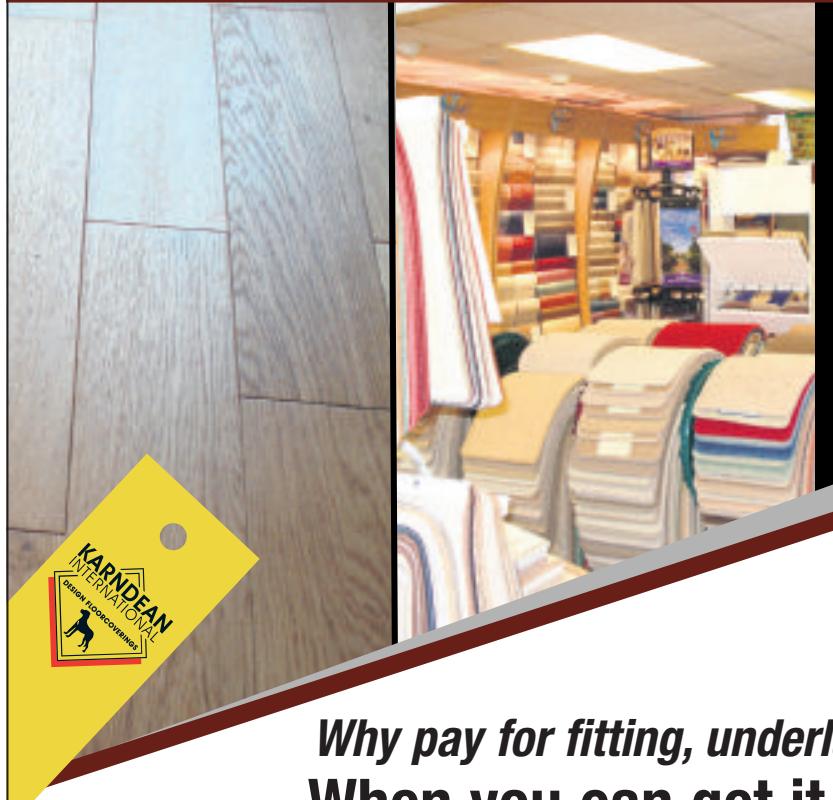
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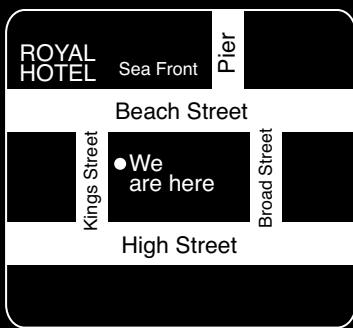
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